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Integrated Theatre Commands
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create Integrated Theatre Commands based on geographical areas of operation or functionality and a single point military advisor designated as Chief of Defence Staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Integrated Theatre Command will be put in place;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to create an Indian Ocean Command and if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(d) whether with the Integrated Theatre Command in place would be going for material purchase through the Make in India route to equip the geographical formations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (e): Creation of appropriate military command structures is a complex exercise involving operational, technical, logistical and financial aspects, and is reviewed from time to time.
Creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was recommended by Group of Ministers in 2001. A decision in this regard was to be taken after consultation with political parties. The consultation process however could not be completed because all political parties had not responded. Subsequently, Naresh Chandra Task Force on National Security recommended creation of the post of Permanent Chairman Chief of Staff Committee in 2012. Both the proposals are simultaneously under consideration of the Government.
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